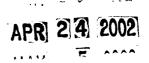


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IN REPLY REFER TO

1792(117) The Rand Administrative Site Maintenance Project A6764(JK:j1)



## Dear Interested Citizen:

The Grants Pass Resource Area, Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recently completed the planning and an environmental assessment (EA) for the Rand Administrative Site Maintenance Project. The Rand site is within the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River Corridor. A vicinity map showing the project location is enclosed. The Rand Administrative Site Maintenance Project proposes (a) improving the site's water system to insure safe drinking for residents and the public, (b) replacing deteriorating shingle/shake roofs to protect the integrity of the buildings, (c) resurfacing the visitor center's parking area to make entering and leaving the site from the Merlin-Galice road safer, and (d) resurfacing some of the roads within the site to provide a permanent surface and to reduce surface erosion. All work would be done to maintain the integrity and historical values of the site.

We have placed the EA on our web site (www.or.blm.gov/Medford) under planning documents / environmental assessments should you wish to review and comment on it. If you do not have Internet access and would like to receive a paper copy of the EA, we will be happy to send you one upon request. The comment period will end on May 10,2002.

Should you have questions about the project that are not addressed in the EA, please contact John Bethea at (541) 618-2246. John is our project planning team leader. If you would like to comment on the EA, please send them to me at the above address or e-mail them to us at *orllOmb@or.bZm.gov*. As we make our decisions regarding the project, we will consider all pertinent site specific comments. Comments that clearly articulate site specific issues or concerns are most useful to us.

If you would like to comment but confidentiality is of concern to you, you may request that we withhold your name and / or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Please state this clearly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All comments received from organizations or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We appreciate your interest and involvement in this project and thank you for your continuing interest in the resource management activities of the BLM and the Grants Pass Resource Area.

Sincerely,

Land Abbie Jossie

Field Manager

Grants Pass Resource Area

Enclosure: Project Vicinity Map

